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Title:

PICTURE DISPLAY DEVICE WITH REDUCED DEFLECTION POWER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the part of the cone portion (3) between the reference deflection plane (11) and that end of the deflection system (9) which is nearest to the display screen (8) has a cross-section whose internal outline has a long axis/short axis ratio (A_c) which first increases, goes through a maximum and then decreases.

5. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that $A_{\rm scr} > 4/3$.

7. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the maximum deflection angle of the electron beam(s) (6) is larger than or equal to 120°.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

- 4. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the part of the cone portion (3) between the reference deflection plane (11) and that end of the deflection system (9) which is nearest to the display screen (8) has a cross-section whose internal outline has a long axis/short axis ratio (A_c) which first increases, goes through a maximum and then decreases.
- 5. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 claim 1, characterized in that $A_{\rm scr} > 4/3$.
- 7. (amended) A picture display device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, characterized in that the maximum deflection angle of the electron beam(s) (6) is larger than or equal to 120°.